

**REMARKS**

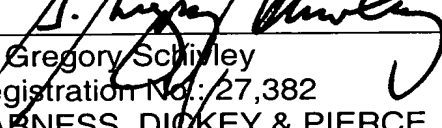
Claims 1 -18 have been amended by this amendment and remain pending in the present application. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicant believes that the amended claims do not go beyond the disclosure of the application as filed. The purpose of this amendment is solely to remove multiple dependent claims to reduce filing costs and to place the application in conformance with U. S. practice.

Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 7196-000024/US/NP from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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GSS/dl

Respectfully submitted,

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